

RESOLUTION 24R-27

To request the RI Board to consider establishing guidelines for Rotary clubs and Rotarians when providing support during large-scale disasters

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Osaka-North, District 2660, Japan

1 WHEREAS, due to the change in global climate, there has been a steady
2 acceleration in the number of extreme natural disasters reported throughout the
3 world, and

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5 WHEREAS, Rotary clubs and Rotarians throughout the world are expected to
6 collaborate both effectively and efficiently in their support of response and recovery
7 efforts after such disasters

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9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
10 International consider establishing guidelines for action to be taken by Rotary clubs
11 and Rotarians when providing support for victims of and areas affected by large-scale
12 disasters.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 Disasters such as large-scale floods and high-magnitude earthquakes continue to
14 increase in frequency throughout the world due to the change in global climate.
15 There is a growing need for collective action by Rotary clubs and Rotarians to
16 provide relief for and support recovery of the affected communities. It is to be
17 expected, therefore, that RI should establish guidelines for the management of its
18 efforts in this regard. The aim of this proposed resolution is to provide for a more
19 effective and efficient response from Rotary clubs and Rotarians in large-scale
20 disasters by establishing guidelines for action that has components of public
21 image enhancement, as well as risk management for Rotary clubs and Rotarians.
22 People around the world will trust and engage with Rotary. This would also be
23 beneficial as a general means of solidifying Rotary's activities and would serve as
24 a catalyst for future development.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
26 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
27 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.